such as the Panchamas. The majority of the Members, however, expressed themselves in favour of extending the concession to all communities that are backward in point of education where such concessions are claimed." This shows that financial backwardness was not a consideration. The majority stated that all persons of the backward communities who wanted this concession must be given the same whether they were poor or rich. So this paper shows the contrary.

President.—You may take it for what it is worth. The time is up and questions and answers are over.

Ingress of salt water through the Padiath Thodu.

276. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that considerable damage is being caused to the lands on the eastern side of the Cannonshed road by the ingress of salt water through the Padiath Thodu?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Government are not aware that any damage is being caused to the lands referred to.

Non-admission of a patient to the Trichur Civil Hospital.

277. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether a dead body was found on the morning of 3rd Vrischigam 1104 on the public road by the side of the gutter in front of the Trichur Civil Hospital;

(2) whether the person whose body was found as in question (1) breathed his last on the road-side on the previous night; if not, where and when did he die;

(3) whether this person was found by the Civil Hospital employees in the Hospital portico on the western side on the night of the 2nd Vrischigam between 11 and 1;

(4) whether Mr. K. T. Mathai, M. A. (Hons.) B. L., District Court Vakil, came to the Hospital at the time when the person was lying in the portico;

(5) whether Mr. K. T. Mathai requested the Hospital employees not to disturb the person till death;

(6) whether he was not in extremely bad condition when Mr. K. T. Mathai saw him in the portico;

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